

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 1, please delete "DESCRIPTION".

Page 1, between line 2 and 3, please insert:

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, between line 6 and 7, please insert:

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SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 22 to 42 without prejudice and add the following claims 43 to 75:

- B3** 3 43. A cosmetic preparation consisting of a gel comprising undissolved water-swollen particles of at least one superabsorbing polymer.
44. The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 1, wherein the water-swollen polymer particles have particle diameters that are less than or equal to 2000 µm.
45. The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 44, wherein said particle diameters are from 40 µm to 1400 µm.
46. The cosmetic preparation as defined in claim 43, which reversibly forms a grainy, uneven, light-scattering surface at an interface with a gaseous substance and a smooth, level, non-light-scattering surface at an interface with a solid.